

**NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR
NEGOTIATIONS**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “North Korean Nuclear Negotiations: Strategies and Prospects for Success.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES
COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING ACT OF
2005**

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 2965, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005.

NEW YORK TRIBAL LAND CLAIMS

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing entitled “Status of Settling Recognized Tribes’ Land Claims in the State of New York.” Testimony was heard from Michael Olsen, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 233, Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act; H.R. 1129, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2720, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; and H.R. 2875, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management; and Jim Tate, Science Advisor to the Secretary; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Sam Aanestad, Senator, State of California; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 230, National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2005; H.R. 527, Vocational and Technical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2005; H.R. 2981, To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians; and H.R. 3207, Second-Stage Small Business Development Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—CELL USE ON AIRCRAFT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Cell Phones on Aircraft: Nuisance or Necessity? Testimony was heard from Nicholas Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; Laura Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

**DISASTER RELIEF EQUITY ACT; RURAL
DISASTER ASSISTANCE FAIRNESS ACT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee the following bills: H.R. 3208, Disaster Relief Equity Act of 2005; and H.R. 2338, amended, Rural Disaster Assistance Fairness Act of 2005.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3200, Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005; and H. Res. 361, Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration on July 21, 1930.

WELFARE AND WORK DATA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare and Work Data. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 739)

H.R. 120, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30777 Rancho California Road in Temecula, California, as the “Dalip

Singh Saund Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–22)

H.R. 289, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–23)

H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the "Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–24)

H.R. 504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Ray Charles Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–25)

H.R. 627, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the "Linda White-Epps Post Office". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–26)

H.R. 1072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the "Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–27)

H.R. 1082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the "Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–28)

H.R. 1236, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the "Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–29)

H.R. 1460, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6200 Rolling Road in Springfield, Virginia, as the "Captain Mark

Stubenhofer Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–30)

H.R. 1524, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12433 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Ed Eilert Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–31)

H.R. 1542, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the "Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–32)

H.R. 2326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 614 West Old County Road in Belhaven, North Carolina, as the "Floyd Lupton Post Office". Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–33)

S. 1282, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to strike the privatization criteria for INTELSAT separated entities, remove certain restrictions on separated and successor entities to INTELSAT. Signed on July 12, 2005. (Public Law 109–34)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States' relationship with the World Trade Organization, focusing on the role of the World Trade Organization and its impact on national sovereignty and economic security, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.